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THE FIGURES

Dam Arbitrators Agree Upon the Valuation.

THIRTY DAYS RESERVED BY BRADY TO MAKE ANSWER

Three Weeks Conference Between J. T. Lupton and L. C. Gunter Ended Saturday.

Chattanooga Times:

After being in session daily for the past three weeks, the majority members of the board of arbitration on the Lock and Dam controversy reached the end of their labors yesterday afternoon and submitted a joint report in which the plant and equipment belonging to Contractor W. J. Oliver at Hale's Bar was appraised at \$250,729.79. The appraisal was made by L. C. Gunter, representing Mr. Oliver, and J. T. Lupton, the umpire and disinterested member of the commission, is over two and one half times as large as that made by Commissioner Thomas Murray, of Brooklyn, representing Anthony N. Brady, of New York, after the commission had been in session less than a day and a half. Mr. Murray's report was to the effect that the plant and equipment including the railroad, was worth \$100,000.

Copies of the report made by the commission were sent yesterday to representatives of Mr. Brady and Mr. Oliver. Mr. Brady had the right of an option of thirty days to accept the plant at the price named by the commission. In the event he does so, another board of arbitration, composed of Thomas Murray, of New York, for Mr. Brady, Judge J. W. Sneed of Knoxville, representing Mr. Oliver, and J. T. Lupton will meet to hear the evidence regarding the claims of Mr. Oliver for additional compensation for extra work for which the contractor's officials claim he has not been paid. This amount is said to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The commission will hear the evidence and make an award according to their opinion as to the amount to which Mr. Oliver is justly entitled.

In the event Mr. Brady does not accept the plant and equipment at the price named by the commissioners in their report yesterday afternoon, according to the terms of the agreement, Mr. Brady is to enter his appearance in the local courts in order that the differences between Mr. Brady and the contractor may be adjudicated.

According to the statement made by Judge Hamilton, counsel for Mr. Brady and Col. John Bogart, Mr. Brady's chief engineer, before their departure for their homes in New York, the answer of Mr. Brady will be made in the near future. They stated at the time that Mr. Brady was anxious to hurry the work of completing the Dam as fast as possible and would not delay in stating what he would do.

The marked difference between the valuation placed on the plant and equipment by Commissioner Murray, as a minority member, and the majority members of the commission, is said to be due to the difference in point of view between the commissioners. In making his report, which was an exceedingly brief one, Mr. Murray stated at the time that the plant probably cost much in excess of the valuation he placed on it, but that according to the terms of the agreement "value in place" should be considered. He stated that he did not believe that near half of the amount of the contract should be expended in equipment.

In agreeing to sign his name to the report with Mr. Lupton, Mr. Gunter stated at the end of the report that he considered a number of items to have been scheduled much below their value, but in order to harmonize conclusions, he had concurred in the report.

In striking contrast to the brief report of Commissioner Murray, who gave the appraisal in a lump sum, the report of the majority members of the commission covered even the smallest details, the prices varying from two cents to \$21,000. It covered nearly seventy pages of typewritten matter. The two commissioners were in session from about 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of each day for nearly three weeks. Several trips were taken to the Lock and Dam in order that the exact condition of equipment might be carefully noted by Mr. Lupton.

The summary of the report, which accompanied the itemized appraisements, marked exhibits "A," "B," "C," "D," and which was signed by both commissioners is as follows:

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 25, 1908.

"Messrs. A. N. Brady and William J. Oliver, New York and Knoxville. Gentlemen—We herewith report our findings as two of the arbitrators under the articles of arbitration between Mr. Anthony N. Brady on the one part, and Mr. William J. Oliver on the other, in relation to the Hale's Bar, etc., contract as follows:

"We find the value of the railroad, locomotive and rail cars, \$21,875.00. Stock supplies, as per list "B," \$5,000.00.

"Commissary stock as per list "C," \$1,987.97.

"Cement, \$11,483.68.

"Coal, \$1,551.00.

"Camp, \$17,500.00.

"Camp equipment, as per list "D," \$1,836.84.

"Rough and dressed lumber in stock, \$1,397.37.

Magazine stock, \$2,702.46.

All machinery equipment, structures, supplies, not included in items above, as per lists attached, marked "A," \$180,490.00.

Total, \$250,729.79.

"Weights and quantities as inventoried were assumed to be correct and are to be checked and changed if wrong.

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. T. LUPTON.

"L. C. GUNTER.

"In connection with the above report, I wish to say that I believe that many of the items are scheduled at prices much below their value, but in order to harmonize conclusions, and reach a termination of the matter, I have concurred in the report, and I agree to the valuations as therein stated.

"L. C. GUNTER."

Pleasant Ridge.

Special to the News.

Lige Grayson moved from the mountain last week and moved back to the mountain the first of this week. Lige says he is going to hold possession for some parties that claim a lot of land.

There seems to be a land boom in our part just now. Mr. Saynes has purchased a farm from Mr. Rollins, which is known as the Roberts farm. Uncle Joe Grayson has bought a tract of land joining him from Henry Pickett. Dr. P. C. Grayson has bought a part of the Roberts farm. Jule Pickett has contracted a farm to John French and Joe Pickett says that he would like to sell again. If you want any land in our town come while the boom is on.

W. H. White is kept very busy just now writing deeds and taking acknowledgments.

There have been several parties visiting on the ridge of late.

Frank Rich, of Whitwell, was visiting Jule Pickett Sunday.

Lark Saynes, of Needmore was up to see us Sunday.

There was a party at Jule Pickett's Saturday night.

Joe Reel has built a new barn.

Joe Williams was visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Defur Sunday.

There was more shooting on the Ridge Saturday night than there has been in a year, even if the officer from Whitwell was here. Seems like we have better order when there is no officer about. Don't think that it was any of our boys doing the shooting as there is no shooting on the ridge except when some other parties come over. Boys, you had better be careful. A word to the wise is enough.

Mr. Defur, widow of Joe Defur, who died at the home of her father-in-law, J. D. Defur, Tuesday, and was buried at the Tenge graveyard Wednesday.

Rev. Shirley conducted the funeral services. It was a very sad occasion as she leaves three small children. Her husband who was killed in the mines at Confield, Tenn., was buried the 25th of December.

A Mr. Trussly is staying at Uncle Joe Grayson's and is trapping along the river. Don't think that he will do much good trapping as all of the muskrat rats in this part have been caught.

Misses Mattie and Callie Griffith attended the party at Jule Pickett's Saturday night.

Miss Joey Vanhooker was visiting Janey Pickett the other day.

Tom Defur, of Needmore, was up to see us Saturday night.

Misses Lilly and Nellie Grayson, daughters of J. A. Grayson, are attending school at Whitwell.

Jule and Joe Pickett went to Whitwell the other day to trade some with Bob Vanhooker.

Our neighbor, Mr. Smighen, has left the ridge and has moved to J. D. Ridge's.

Our tax assessor is busy just now, finding out what we are worth.

We are going to get a mail box so we can have the News brought right to us.

We have been informed that you can get all the "Hick" you want nearer home than Chattanooga.

It is very important and in fact, it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated: it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while, especially after meals, something like KODOL. For Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by J. W. Simpson, Jasper, Tenn.

Burned to Death.

TRACY CITY, Tenn., Jan. 28.—While Mrs. Lawrence Nunely was at a spring near her home Saturday the three-year-old child took fire and was so badly burned before help arrived that it died Monday and was buried at Henry School cemetery. It is supposed a younger child touched a miner's lamp to the clothes, which were of out-casting cloth and easily ignitable.

Do you have backache occasionally, or "stitches" in the side, and sometimes you feel all tired out, without ambition and without energy? If so, your kidneys are out of order. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They promptly relieve backache, weak back, inflammation of the bladder and weak kidneys. Sold by J. W. Simpson, Jasper, Tenn.

Patent Granted.

J. B. Tygart, of Whitwell, has been granted a patent on an expansion drill.

Eastland.

Special to the News.

John Troutman was visiting home-folks Sunday.

A good many men have left this place for the last few days.

The mines here are only running about half time this winter.

Harry Chitticks left last week for Stouts Mountain, Ala.

Frank Goodman has moved to the farm to engage in farming this year.

Everything is selling high out here and wages are low.

Wm. and Jake Baltimore have gone to Crawford to work in the mines.

J. Hugh and Foster Layne have gone back to Whitwell to work in the mines there.

"More Union" says he joined the Farmer's Union and they are holding their cotton, corn and other products for higher prices, but he doesn't think the laboring man ought to ask for higher wages than they are receiving. I guess he is one of those low wage fellows and would work a man for 30c a day and hold his cotton for 15c.

I think if he had ever dug coal he would talk differently to what he does. We are working for very low wages here, paying his price or a little higher for meat. We have been paying \$1 per bushel for meal and corn and 10c for meat. Meal is a little lower at present. Flour is \$6 a barrel at the commissary and some lower at outside stores. Eggs are 30c a dozen. Panies and hard times may come but that is no reason why the laboring man should not have something for his work. Has not a laboring man the right to a reasonable compensation for his work so he can feed and clothe his family and give his children a common school education? I belonged to the miner's union, was in the strike at Whitwell, and I am still a union man, fighting for my rights and expect to as long as I live. I don't expect to reap much reward for it myself, but I am looking forward to the future and expect my children and my brother laborers' children to reap the reward in time to come. As I have said I still say, if all the union miners would stay away from Whitwell, we would win in the battle there yet. I am still in the fight, boys, for the right. They may never work with the union in Sequachee valley, but even if they don't the spirit of it will still be there for all time to come. Sampson.

Stanly.

Special to the News.

Mr. J. R. Holloway, of Looney's Creek, was visiting relatives in this section Sunday last week.

Mrs. Ala. Lane, of Albion View, Hamilton county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Richie, who has been very sick for the past week, but is now improving some.

John Richie, of the ridge, has been very sick the past week, requiring the attendance of Dr. A. T. Peay, of Hill City.

There seems to be an epidemic of some serious type that has visited this section recently. The doctors call it the gripe. I am no doctor, but I know it is gripping some of the people pretty tight.

Freddie, of Ringgold, Ga., is visiting relatives in this section this week.

Lonnie Teeters and wife, of Chicanama, are visiting his wife's relatives here this week. Mr. Teeters is one of Uncle Sam's boys and belongs to the 12th Cavalry.

Fred Billingsley, of Victoria, was the guest of T. H. Richie Saturday night.

T. H. Richie was a Chattanooga visitor Saturday.

There was a musical entertainment at the Postoffice Saturday night. Those present were Alex. Massengale and wife and daughter, Ellen, and J. D. Massengale, F. J. Billingsley, Lonnie Teeters and wife and Billy Richie, of Albion View. Monroe Layne and A. J. Richie manufactured the music on a violin and banjo, which was excellent.

News is not plentiful this week. That hard wind Sunday night blew it all away. Bon Bon.

Asks Us to Print It.

To relieve the worst forms of Rheumatism, take a teaspoonful of the following mixture after each meal and at bedtime:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

These harmless ingredients can be obtained from our home druggists, and are easily mixed by shaking them well in a bottle. Relief is generally felt from the first few doses.

This prescription, states a well known authority in a Cleveland morning paper, forces the clogged up, inactive kidneys to filter and strain from the blood the poisonous waste matter and uric acid, which causes Rheumatism.

As Rheumatism is not only the most painful and torturous disease, but dangerous to life, this simple recipe will no doubt be greatly valued by many sufferers here at home, who should at once prepare the mixture to get this relief. It is said that a person who would take this prescription regularly, a dose or two daily, or even a few times a week, would never have serious Kidney or Urinary disorders or Rheumatism.

Cut this out and preserve it. Good Rheumatism prescriptions which really relieve are scarce, indeed, and when you need it you want it badly. Our druggists here say they will either supply these ingredients or make the mixture ready to take, if any of our readers so prefer.

CASTORIA.

Bears the name of the kind you have always bought.

THE SEWANE COAL COKE & LAND CO.

J. H. CANNON, Pres. No. 2185.

P. A. GRANTHAM, G. P. DYKES.

MINING CONTRACT

As Signed Between the Sewanee Coal, Coke & Land Co., Flat Branch Coal Co., and United Mine Workers of America, Coalmont Local, No. 2,485.

Coalmont, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1907.

This contract made and entered into by and between the Coal Companies whose signatures are hereunto attached, parties of the first part, and committees representing the employees of their several mines, together with National and District officers of the U. M. W. of A. parties of the second part.

Witnesseth:

FIRST:—This contract is in lieu of all former contracts or wage scales between the parties hereto, and is to be operative from September 1, 1907, until September 1, 1908.

It being agreed, however, that negotiations for a new contract will be taken up not later than July 15, 1908, so that a conclusion may be reached before August 1, 1908.

SECOND:—Nine hours shall constitute a day's work.

THIRD:—Starting time shall be 7 o'clock in the morning, and quitting time 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Work to continue without intermission. Shooting time 3:50 p. m.

FOURTH:—Drivers shall have their mules at the mines in readiness to start in promptly at 7 o'clock, a. m.

FIFTH:—Prices on coal and yardage shall be as follows:

Coal 3 feet and over, per car, 28 cents.

Coal under 3 feet and down to 29 inches, per car, 24 cents.

Coal under 29 inches and down to 22 inches, per car, 38 cents.

YARDAGE.

Entries 8 feet, slate, per foot yard, 45 cents.

Entries 9 feet, slate, per foot yard, 48 cents.

Entries any width, coal per running yard, 75 cents.

Air courses, coal, per running yard, 80 cents.

Air courses, slate per foot yard, 45 cents.

Room neck, \$1.50 each, provided however, that any miner making his room neck more than 8 feet in width forfeits all pay for same.

Falling, or draw, slate over regular height of room roadways, entries or air courses, per foot yard, 22 cents.

Borable sand rock, 1½ times slate yardage. Rock requiring hammer and steel twice price slate yardage.

SIXTH:—(Day Labor). Mule drivers, one mule, \$1.47 per day.

Mule drivers, two mules, \$1.58 per day.

Trappers, 58 cents per day.

Head or boss track men (if such is required), \$2.30 per day.

Track helpers, \$1.58 per day.

Car trimmers, \$1.42 per day.

Tip house and furnace men, \$1.35.

Slate dumpers and general roughabouts, \$1.35 per day.

Water bailers, \$1.47 per day.

Inside company work, not otherwise classified, \$1.47 per day.

Blacksmith, Coalmont, "B" mines, \$2.20 per day.

Blacksmith, (other mines where required) \$2.10 per day.

Blacksmith helper, \$1.58 per day.

Miners on company work, \$2.20 per day.

SEVENTH:—Pick sharpening, one month, 35 cents.

Pick sharpening, three-fourths month, 30 cents.

Pick sharpening, one-half month, 20 cents.

Pick sharpening, one-fourth month, 10 cents.

EIGHTH:—(House fuel for miners.) Run of mine coal, 75 cents per bank car.

No miner or employee will be permitted to carry coal from mines or premises, or take same from railroad cars.

NINTH:—Dues and assessments, not to exceed \$1.00 per month for each employee, except on written order of the employee, to be collected by the fifth of each month or the first work done in the month, and paid to party authorized to receipt for the same.

TENTH:—Any dispute arising from this contract between employees and employer, that cannot be adjusted by the General Manager and Committee, must be referred to the General Manager and District or National officers of the U. M. W. of A., but under no circumstances is work to stop at any of the mines of any of the companies signing this agreement during the life of this contract, unless the last named parties should fail to agree. The following Bank Rules to govern the mines of the parties to this agreement have this day been agreed upon, and also become a part of the foregoing contract, viz:

Rule 1.—Boys from 14 to 16 years of age on mining to have one-half turn. Over 16 years, to have full turn.

Rule 2.—Rooms to be turned at 25 feet and driven 21 feet wide and 30 yards in length, provided conditions will allow. Room roadways not to exceed five feet wide and three and one-half feet high. Track to be laid on rib or in center of room as Mine Foreman may direct. Roadway timbers to be set not exceeding three feet apart. Failure to set roadway timbers as herein specified forfeits pay on any draw or fallen slate over regular height of roadway. Coal only to be taken in second break through in rooms.

Rule 3.—A square turn shall be kept.

Rule 4.—Switches shall be furnished for all working places and iron or steel tracking shall be furnished in all rooms, provided, however, that the miner working in such rooms shall be responsible to the company for the value of said iron or steel tracking until the Mine Foreman shall have been notified to remove the same and said notice shall be given to the foreman in ample time to enable him to have said iron or steel removed before it is damaged or lost.

Rule 5.—When not practicable for a miner to load his own timbers before going inside he shall pile and number them plainly, and it shall be the duty of the driver to load and take them in on the first or second trip. Drivers failing to do this shall be suspended ten days for the first offence, thirty days for the second and finally discharged for the third.

Rule 6.—Water shall be bailed out of working places before work time in the morning so far as practicable.

Rule 7.—When contract is let the contractor shall pay the scale.

Rule 8.—Employees of any mine permitting their places to be idle two days in succession or losing more than three days in any one month, except in case of sickness or other unavoidable cause, will forfeit their places. In case of absence from sickness or other unavoidable cause they shall notify the foreman on the previous day if possible.

Rule 9.—There shall be no riding on loaded cars.

Rule 10.—No miner in a room shall be permitted to blast beyond his "chance," and nothing shall be construed as a "chance" which is not the result of a mining or cutting. No blast that is a "cracker" in any degree will be permitted in rooms.

Rule 11.—In entries and airways, coal 30 inches and over must be cut to the full extent of the blast. Where the coal is under 30 inches in thickness, the same shall be mined, but the miner will be permitted to advance his yardage in excess of his mining as follows: Coal between 30 and 24 inches, 25 per cent. Coal between 24 and 18 inches, 33 1-3 per cent. Coal below 18 inches, 50 per cent. Any miner violating the last two rules, (Rules 10 and 11) shall be suspended 10 days for the first offense, 30 days for the second offense, and finally discharged for the third offense.

Rule 12.—The Company will not compel two men to work in the same room, entry or air course, or other work on coal or yardage, over the objection of either man, but in selecting his partner or "buddy" a miner will be restricted to practical miners already in the employ of the Company.

Rule 13.—Equal rights to all, special privileges to none. But this shall not be construed to abridge or interfere with the Company's right to place men or give promotions for merit.

Rule 14.—If by excessive use of powder, a miner shoots down his props so as to permit the top to fall, he shall forfeit pay for removing the slate, as a case to failure to prop according to Rule 2.

Rule 15.—When a workman is ready to fire a blast he shall be careful to notify all persons who might be endangered thereby. For any failure to comply with this rule he will be suspended 10 days.

Rule 16.—Blacksmiths will sharpen tools and deliver them to the carrier who brings them to be sharpened, to be returned to their owners. This rule is not intended to alter customs in operation at mines having a blacksmith at the mouth of the mines.

Rule 17.—Room ties shall be placed not to exceed 30 inches center to center, or closer if necessary to prevent injury to tracks.

Rule 18.—All miners shall keep their track as near the working face as possible, and to enable him to keep his track up the miner will be furnished with a pair of short rails or jumpers.

Rule 19.—Monthly pay day, on Saturday nearest 16th of each month.

Rule 20.—In measurements of coal to determine prices on coal, the average of the face shall govern.

In witness of the foregoing, we have this day affixed our signatures, the seventeenth day of September, 1907.

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DIES FROM INJURIES

Lee Davidson a Corpse and Tom Hagen Surrenders.

Chattanooga Times:

As the result of a blow received at the hands of Tom Hagen, the son of R. W. Hagen, the Hill City groceryman, in a quarrel in front of the store Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, Lee Davidson died at Erlanger hospital Wednesday morning. His body was removed to Sharp's undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial. It was taken to Whitwell, Tenn., his former home Thursday morning for interment. Hagen, accompanied by his father, went to the county jail, and the former surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Frawley Wednesday afternoon when they learned that Davidson was dead. The sheriff's officer, knowing that the dead man was decidedly the aggressor, and being acquainted with the good reputation of Hagen, the young man was again admitted to bail until the preliminary hearing, which will be held within the next few days.

According to the statement of eye-witnesses of the quarrel between the two men, Davidson, who was drunk, called at Mr. Hagen's store during the day, but was ejected each time by the Hagen boys and told to stay away. About 1 o'clock during the afternoon Davidson returned to the store. When prevented from entering he began to abuse Mr. Hagen, Sr., making all kinds of threats against him and his sons. Attempting to force his entrance into the store, Tom Hagen struck him on the head with an ax handle, knocking him to the ground. He was afterwards taken to the Erlanger hospital, where it was found that his skull had been fractured. From the time of the accident his condition seemed gradually to improve, and it was thought that he would recover. Wednesday night he suffered a relapse.